

the youngest of three children. He is a 1979 graduate of Coffeetown High School, and a 1983 graduate of Alcorn State University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Education/Agronomy. Eddie has a Master of Science degree from Mississippi State University (1991) in Agriculture and Extension Education.

Eddie is married to Annie Scott Harris (1985) and they have two children, Anika, and Ashley and two grandchildren. Anika has a B.S. and a M.S. from Mississippi State University. Anika is employed with the United States Department of Defense (Civilian) at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS. Ashley has a B.S. from Alcorn State University and is a nutritionist with Mississippi State Department of Health.

Eddie's career has taken him in many directions, first as a Vocational Agriculture Instructor in Durant, MS. He also worked for Mississippi State University Extension Service for 28 years, with 24 of those years in Humphreys County, MS.

He has held several positions with Mississippi State University: 4-H Youth Agent; Assistant County Agent; County Agriculture Agent/County Leader; and District Soybean Agent.

Eddie was the first black County Agricultural Agent in Humphreys County, MS. He was only 27 years of age when this monumental task was offered to him. Throughout all the challenges, he became a successful Extension Agent with farmers, youth, and community leaders.

Eddie retired from Mississippi State University Extension Service in 2009. He is most proud of when he was able to encourage minority youth to participate in exhibiting 4-H livestock in Humphreys County, MS. These youth exhibited their animals (hogs and cattle) at the County District and the Dixie National Livestock shows. These minority youth won many scholarships to help them with their college expenses, and they gained many life skills.

Eddie has received many awards during his career:

Distinguished Service Award—National Association of County Agricultural Agents.

Soybean Agent of the Year—Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents.

Swine Agent of the Year—MS Swine Producers Association.

Paul F. Newell Award—Outstanding Agent; MS Cattleman Association.

Hunter Education Instructor of the Year—MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks.

Eddie is a people person, and he gets along well with others. One of his former bosses said, "If you can't get along with Eddie you can't get along with anybody."

Eddie moved back to his hometown of Coffeetown, MS, in 2010 after a long career in Agriculture and decided to get into politics. He is presently a Board of Supervisor member in Yalobusha County, MS, representing District 4. His goals as a County Supervisor are to bring his many years of leadership skills to this position. Eddie is focusing on repairing and maintaining roads and bridges, developing industries, and being fiscally responsible for the people's tax dollars.

Eddie's parents taught him that you must respect yourself before others will respect you, to work hard and others will notice, and place God first in your life.

Eddie is a member of Bethlehem M. B. Church in Coffeetown, MS. He is the adult Sunday School Teacher and Chairman of the Deacon Board.

Eddie is proud of his many accomplishments, but more importantly to help people help themselves, through leadership and his amazing people skills.

BETTY THOMPSON

HON. CORI BUSH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Ms. BUSH. Madam Speaker, Saint Louis and I rise to commemorate the life of Ms. Betty Thompson. Ms. Betty was a deeply beloved figure in St. Louis, not only for her groundbreaking political career and trailblazing civil rights work, but most notably for her warm and giving spirit. Her altruistic reach transcended the chaos of politics and gave space for the beauty in public service. She remained true to her values and led from a place of service and deep love of community. This approach to her work led her to opening so many doors in politics for our region as a barrier-breaking politician who was the first Black woman to serve on the University City City Council. Not only did she open doors, but she extended her hand to bring the next generation of leaders along with her. Her passion and vigor was ever present, as she famously said, "We want you to wake up! Get up! Sit up! Look up! Dress up! Eat up! Pray up! Pay up! And if you can't do that, then you should just stay home and shut up!"

She so beautifully took issues that most pained her, like her struggle with alopecia, and turned them into positive change in her legislative efforts. Ms. Thompson sponsored legislation that created a pathway for children with alopecia to receive hairpieces. This legislation was essential to Medicaid developing a policy that gave provision for expenses related to scalp prosthesis.

This, along with so many other efforts of Representative Thompson, are a wonderful depiction of the vigor and depth with which she loved her community. That love will unquestionably be widely missed—but it was a love so genuine it will most certainly leave rippling effects for years to come. So though we mourn her loss, we also celebrate her life. It was a life well lived indeed.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE EVELYN WRIGHT TURNER PUGH

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary public servant, wife, mother and dear friend of longstanding to many, the Honorable Evelyn Wright Turner Pugh. Sadly, Ms. Pugh passed away on Saturday, July 10, 2021. A memorial celebration of her life will be held at 11:00 am, Monday July 19, 2021 at Revelation Baptist Church, 203 R.C. Allen Drive, Columbus, Georgia.

A native of Columbus, Evelyn Wright was born on June 23, 1950 to the late Willie "Son" Wright and Mary Pearl Haynes. She attended George Washington Carver High School, graduating in 1968. Upon graduation she married Marcus "Pancho" Turner and they had 2 sons, Marcus Deon and Maurice. Determined to prepare herself for an amazing career, she attended Columbus College (now Columbus State University) where she received her Associate's degree in Secretarial Science, a Bachelor's in Management/Accounting and a Master's in Business Administration. Beginning her career as a secretary at Columbus College and Progressive Funeral Home she earned her tuition and was mentored by Columbus icon, Mr. George Washington Ford, being inspired by his example of selfless service in helping others.

Evelyn gained employment at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia and rose quickly through the ranks holding a plethora of positions ranging from entry level to managerial across a span of 30 years. In 1999 she was appointed Vice President of Sun Trust Bank, West Georgia, a position she held until her retirement from the banking industry in 2012.

When her marriage ended in divorce, she successfully managed her roles as mother and business executive but felt a calling to serve her community. Growing out of a group of young adults concerned about conditions in the Columbus community, "People For A Cause", Evelyn offered herself for public office and in 1988 was elected to the City Council of Columbus where she served for 30 years, 14 as Mayor Pro Tem, working to improve the quality of life for the people of Columbus.

Due to her strong leadership and dedication to public service, she was selected for numerous other responsibilities. She was appointed by Governor Zell Miller to the Georgia Policy Council on Children and Families; to the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government Advisory Committee; and the Mental Health Mental Retardation Substance Abuse Funding Study Committee. She was appointed Chair of the National League of Cities' Public Safety and Crime Prevention Steering Committee, working with U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno on the use of grants from the Community Oriented Policing Services Program; was elected Georgia Chair of Women in Municipal Government; President of the Georgia Municipal Association and Board of Directors of the National League of Cities.

And if that was not enough, she continued service on local boards, including the Board of Directors of Girls, Inc.; St. Francis Hospital; Columbus Technical College; Liberty Theater and Muscogee Educational Excellence Foundation. She was a faithful member of the Columbus Chapter of The Links, Inc.; and Columbus Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., serving as Treasurer and Financial Secretary. She was awarded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Award, among other distinguished honors, including being named by Georgia Trend Magazine as one of Georgia's top public servants. Moreover, she served as Treasurer for my political campaign committees, both State and Federal, for over 4 decades and was a trusted friend.

Evelyn was a devoted sister, mother, grandmother, aunt, mentor and friend to many. She poured herself into her sons, Deon and Maurice. She found love later in life, married the late Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Reginald Pugh

and lovingly embraced her new blended family, including Reggie, Jr., Tijuana and Talender. She was proud of all of her grandchildren and doted in their every achievement.

Evelyn loved God and served him throughout her life in various capacities through Holsey Chapel CME Church, Fourth Street Baptist Church and Revelation Baptist Church.

Shirley Chisholm often said that "Service is the rent that we pay for the space we occupy on this earth". Evelyn paid her rent and she paid it well. She gave so much to so many for so long and continued until she could give no more. Columbus, the State of Georgia, our nation and all those whose lives she touched are better because of her.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join my wife Vivian and me, along with the residents of the 2nd Congressional District of Georgia in paying tribute to The Honorable Evelyn Wright Turner Pugh for her service and in extending our deepest condolences to her family, friends and all who mourn her loss. Moreover, we pray that we will all be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

IN HONOR OF JACQUELINE
TEAGUE'S AND AMELIE BECK'S
SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF
LOUISVILLE DURING THE COVID
PANDEMIC

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of two remarkable young women from my Congressional District, Jacqueline Teague and Amelie Beck. After witnessing their grandparents struggle to sign up for the COVID-19 vaccine, Jacqueline and Amelie created the program VaxConnectKY to help seniors make vaccination appointments online. Between their classes at Sacred Heart Academy, they answered emails and calls from seniors across the Commonwealth and guided them through the vaccination process.

Since February, Jacqueline and Amelie have helped more than 2,000 seniors receive the COVID-19 vaccine. In recognition of this outstanding work, Jacqueline received the 2021 Diana Award, which honors young people around the world for their humanitarian efforts.

On behalf of the people of Kentucky's Third Congressional District and the city of Louisville, I thank Jacqueline and Amelie, for their life-saving service and leadership. They are both incredible role models, and I have no doubt that they will continue to make our Commonwealth proud in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MR. TIMOTHY
GONCHAROFF

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Mr. Timothy

Goncharoff, an instrumental environmental advocate, on his retirement from his position as the Zero Waste Programs Manager for Santa Cruz County.

Mr. Goncharoff has been an environmental champion and leader on California's Central Coast since the first Earth Day more than fifty years ago. His advocacy dates back to the creation of the Santa Cruz Greenbelt in 1979, an initiative that preserved open space and ensured future development in the rapidly expanding areas of Santa Cruz, which included adequate affordable housing. He also played an instrumental role in the designation of Monterey Bay as the 11th national marine sanctuary in 1992.

Mr. Goncharoff has always been committed to reducing the impact of plastic pollution; he wrote the world's first law banning plastic straws, and authored ordinances restricting plastic bags and harmful styrofoam products.

The impacts of Mr. Goncharoff's work can be seen beyond Santa Cruz County. A law authored by Mr. Goncharoff inspired Starbucks to establish its policy of only using recyclable and compostable products in thousands of locations worldwide. His ordinance creating a drug and sharps takeback program paid for by the pharmaceutical industry inspired a statewide law now rolling out across California. Further, his initiative to reduce single-use personal care products in hotels led to a new statewide law in California and changing standards in hotels around the world.

During his time as the Zero Waste Programs Manager for Santa Cruz County, Mr. Goncharoff developed dozens of environmental protection laws that have improved the environmental outlook of the county, and served as examples for countless cities, counties, and states.

Mr. Goncharoff has fought for a sustainable and equitable future for Santa Cruz County and his leadership has inspired others to do their part to address the climate crisis. Mr. Goncharoff's work has been honored by Governor Jerry Brown with the presentation of the Governor's Economic and Environmental Leadership Award, and by local environmental advocates Save Our Shores with their Ocean Hero Award.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Goncharoff is an outstanding community leader and environmental advocate whose work has influenced those around the world to save our precious resources and create a brighter and more sustainable future. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring him here today.

HONORING LEONCE YOUNG

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and ambitious community advocate, Mr. Leonce Young. Leonce has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to serve others.

Leonce Young, a native of South Louisiana, enrolled in Louisiana State University with aspirations to pursue an engineering degree; however, he felt that was not his destiny. He

instead opted to join the United States military serving in the Navy and Marines for a total of 22 years.

Officer Young's desire to join law enforcement began while in the active military. He accompanied a friend during a ride-along in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and that experience ignited the fire in him to pursue a career in law enforcement.

Now a retired military veteran, Leonce has served the Vicksburg Police Department for the past 26 years in various roles including: patrolman, motor officer, K-9 officer, and crash investigator. During his stint with Vicksburg Police Department, Leonce has received many awards and recognitions including Vicksburg/Warren Benevolent Police Officer of the Year, Motorcycle Instructor certification from Maryland State Police, accident reconstruction certification, and Federal Aviation Administration/UAS Remote Drone Pilot certification.

Young said, "The most rewarding thing about the work I do is helping people in the community, especially the young children and older adults. However, I feel the most challenging thing about law enforcement is separating family members from their loved ones due to incidents that could have been prevented."

Young believes that to be a good law enforcement officer, one must have compassion for others, the ability to think quickly under stressful situations, good communication skills and, above all, integrity.

Leonce is married with two adult children and his favorite pastime is riding his motorcycle along the scenic highways.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Leonce Young for his passion and desire to make a difference in the community.

COST ESTIMATE OF H.R. 3264, THE
DOMAINS CRITICAL TO HOME-
LAND SECURITY ACT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office for H.R. 3264, the Domains Critical to Homeland Security Act. The cost estimate was not available at the time of the Committee report filing.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, June 15, 2021.

Hon. BENNIE G. THOMPSON,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 3264, the Domains Critical to Homeland Security Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Lindsay Wylie.

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director.

Enclosure.